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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO : Rochester, MN 55901
VARY FUEL PRICES FOR VEHICLES
BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND
CONSERVATION CONSIDERATIONS

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER THE ENERGY PROGRAM
(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. 708.02, VI)**

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special as being for an invention that materially contributes to the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy.

Accompanying material

The current invention provides a method and an apparatus which provide regulatory agencies the ability to influence driver vehicle purchases by causing

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"desirable" vehicles to pay a lower per unit fuel price at the pump. Such vehicles could simply be those which go further on a unit of fuel. The vehicles could be those which are capable of using fuel comprised of renewable resources. The vehicles could be those of gasoline/electric hybrid design. By phasing in such a method, fuel will be conserved as vehicle buyers will be incited to purchase vehicles that qualify for lower per unit fuel prices.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.102(c), no fee is required for this petition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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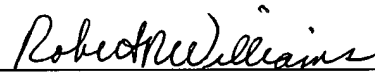
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